



Minnesota Board of Pharmacy

DISCIPLINARY ACTIVITY: August, 2015.

The Board took the following disciplinary actions against a **pharmacy** at its August, 2015 meeting:

Best Aid Pharmacy, License # 263262. A representative of licensee admitted to multiple violations of statutes and rules, including: selling over-the-counter products that did not meet FDA labeling requirements, some of which contained drugs not approved by the FDA; purchasing products that contained drugs from a company not licensed by the Board as a drug wholesaler; dispensing a recalled drug to a patient and failing to have recall policies and procedures; issuing coupons to Medicare and Medicaid recipients in exchange for filling prescriptions; allowing an unlicensed individual to have keys to the pharmacy and access to the pharmacy when a licensed pharmacist was not on duty; failing to meet the requirements of USP Chapter 795 when compounding non-sterile products; using powders to compound products but using the NDC for tablets and capsules when billing the products to insurers; filling paper prescriptions for controlled substances even though the prescriptions were not manually signed by the prescriber; and pre-packaging drugs for dispensing without maintaining the required records. Consequently, the Board reprimanded licensee, imposed a civil penalty of \$20,000.00

and required licensee to submit appropriate and adequate policies and procedures.

The Board took the following disciplinary actions involving **pharmacists** at its August, 2015 meeting:

Parduhn, Fredrick V., License # 112848. Mr. Parduhn forged prescriptions in order to obtain controlled substances, including opiates and benzodiazepines. He also used forged prescriptions to obtain muscle relaxants. Consequently, the Board issued an order suspending his license but staying the suspension on condition that he pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, participate in and complete the Health Professionals Services Program, and comply with any requirements that a court might order. The Board also limited his license so that he cannot practice pharmacy in the State of Minnesota in any setting wherein controlled substances are accessible.

Vettel, Michael L., License # 111665. From approximately April, 2013 through January, 2015, the pharmacy at which Mr. Vettel was pharmacist-in-charge refilled prescriptions for patients for non-controlled and controlled substances without valid prescriptions from authorized prescribers. Drugs illegally refilled included clonazepam, alprazolam and fentanyl. Consequently, the Board issued an order reprimanding licensee and assessing a \$1,500 civil penalty.

The Board took the following disciplinary actions against a **technician** at its August, 2015 meeting:

Altendahl, James M., Registration # 729769. Mr. Altendahl admitted diverting approximately 2,000 tablets of a product containing hydrocodone from the pharmacy at which he worked. Consequently, the Board issued an order of voluntary surrender.